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The Merv Griffin Show
c/o American Broadcasting Company
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

When you syndicated the sequences of your show with Charles Roberts, author of what for lack of a better designation is called a book, euphemistically entitled "The Truth About the Assassination", you presented and promoted one and a grossly and not accidentally inaccurate side of a very controversial subject. As he addresses me and my writing, Mr. Roberts achieves the pinnacle of dishonesty and a perfection of misrepresentation.

To a large degree, a show such as yours must take on faith those who appear on it. However, when your show was aired on WMAL-TV, I wrote them. They phoned and said they were forwarding my letter to you. I have had no response.

I am, therefore, writing to demand equal time under the "fairness doctrine". This is certainly a "controversial" subject, and the personal and incredibly inaccurate misrepresentations of me and my writing by Mr. Roberts are beyond question.

I make you an offer Mr. Roberts could not have made, else you would never have aired him. I will document these things for you in advance of taping. I will go further, and ask you to show on the tube those excerpts which prove Mr. Roberts' deliberate error. By this I do not mean I shall insist upon it, but I think it would be an honorable and effective way of showing your audience the real, not the propaganda, truth and of establishing your own integrity in this matter.

Should you desire, I will send you copies of my own writing on this subject. Three of the WHITEWASH series of books have already been published.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg